

SUPPLY

- Total distillate inventory decreased to 110.2 million barrels (MMB) for the week ending August 4, 2000 as higher imports could not counter a rise in demand and lower production. Distillate stocks fell 0.5 MMB from the previous week and were 27.5 MMB less than last year. Heating oil inventory at 41.0 MMB accounted for all of the decrease, dropping by 0.5 MMB for the week and 26.1 MMB below a year ago. Low sulfur stock was unchanged at 69.2 MMB, but was 1.4 MMB below last year's level. Total distillate production fell by 0.1 million barrels per day (MMBD) to 3.5 MMBD. Heating oil production was down by 0.2 MMBD to 1.0 MMBD. Imports increased to 0.2 MMBD while demand rose by 0.1 MMBD to 3.6 million barrels per day.
- Crude oil input to U.S. refineries fell to 15.7 MMBD last week with refiners utilizing 98.1 percent of 16.1 MMBD in operating capacity.

Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/06/99	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/06/99
East Coast (PADD I)	435	478	471	432	343	216	262	227	277	180
Midwest (PADD II)	855	847	907	903	877	692	630	715	711	640
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,566	1,640	1,612	1,556	1,653	1,137	1,143	1,021	1,071	1,099
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	141	154	154	153	145	118	122	124	113	117
West Coast (PADD V)	485	489	471	471	473	359	349	367	366	375
U.S. Total	3,482	3,608	3,615	3,515	3,491	2,522	2,506	2,454	2,538	2,411

Distillate Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/04/99	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/04/99
East Coast (PADD I)	34.3	35.3	33.8	35.7	62.9	15.4	15.0	14.4	15.7	19.3
PADD IX	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.9	NA	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	NA
PADD IY	18.4	20.3	18.9	19.1	NA	6.7	7.2	6.9	7.0	NA
PADD IZ	11.6	10.6	10.0	11.7	NA	7.5	6.6	6.3	7.4	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	31.1	30.7	31.1	31.0	31.0	22.7	21.9	22.9	22.4	21.2
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	29.1	29.9	31.3	29.5	30.9	20.9	20.9	20.1	19.8	20.2
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.1
West Coast (PADD V)	11.7	11.4	11.6	11.0	10.4	9.3	9.0	9.3	8.8	7.8
U.S. Total	109.3	110.4	110.7	110.2	137.7	70.9	69.4	69.2	69.2	70.6

* See the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* Appendix A for a description of the derivation of average inventory levels.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.

Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* (WPSR). Year-ago production data taken from comparable week last year; year-ago stock data interpolated from final Petroleum Supply Monthly data.

PRICES

- Distillate spot and futures prices generally rose last week, supported by a steady increase in crude oil prices driven largely by a large draw in crude oil inventories reported by both the American Petroleum Institute and EIA for the week ending July 28. Despite a one-day sharp decline in prices on Monday, August 7, distillate prices continued to reflect expectations of relatively tight supplies for the coming heating season. The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil rose 2.49 cents for the week to 80.32 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB diesel fuel spot price increased 2.75 cents to 93.25 cents per gallon.
- After falling for four consecutive weeks, the national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price rose by just 0.2 cent to 141.0 cents per gallon as of August 7, 2000, 25.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Price changes from the previous week were mixed across the various regions, with prices changing less than 1 cent per gallon everywhere except for California, where prices increased by 1.6 cents per gallon.

No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/09/99	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/09/99
New York	80.57	76.65	80.56	81.05	56.13	78.73	74.45	77.83	80.32	54.25
Chicago	80.35	73.40	76.68	78.78	58.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	78.28	74.40	75.75	78.23	55.65	76.73	72.55	73.30	76.57	52.55
Los Angeles (CARB)	89.00	87.50	90.50	93.25	75.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/09/99	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/09/99
East Coast (PADD I)	144.3	143.5	141.8	142.3	113.1	<div>Prices Available During Heating Season Only (October through March)</div>				
PADD IX	152.2	151.9	151.5	151.3	118.2					
PADD IY	152.8	151.5	149.8	150.6	120.8					
PADD IZ	140.0	139.3	137.5	137.9	109.4					
Midwest (PADD II)	142.2	140.7	137.8	138.2	112.2					
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	138.9	138.0	137.5	137.4	111.3					
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	147.7	145.2	146.6	145.9	123.6					
West Coast (PADD V)	151.6	151.3	150.7	151.1	136.4					
California	157.7	158.0	158.3	159.9	149.6					
U.S. Average**	143.5	142.4	140.8	141.0	115.6					

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

** Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA =Not Available.

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